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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

Children Die Horribly—Talk of War—Hearst Wins Case—Movement Against Anarchists Being Made.

**KILLS 180 CHILDREN:**—One of the most pitiful tragedies on record came last Wednesday in the burning to death of about 180 little school children in a public school building at Collinwood, near Cleveland, Ohio. The cause of the fire has not been learned, but the results were awful. The children started to march out in order, as they had been trained, but when they found the fire between them and the front door they became panic stricken and dashed forward, the first ones blocking the door so that the others could not get out. Other doors opened inward so that the children were prevented by those behind from opening them, and one door was locked. The teachers showed great heroism in trying to save their charges, and several of them are among the victims. The fire has been a lesson against having doors in public buildings open inward, and changes are being made in such buildings in cities all over the country.

**ANOTHER WAR SCARE:**—There is talk of a war between Japan and China. The trouble is because Chinese officials seized a Japanese vessel which was carrying arms and ammunition, on the ground that the things were to be used by Chinese rebels. Japan denies this, and demands that the vessel be released at once, without trial and that China pay damages. Otherwise, she says, she will "take action." Of course this is no reason for a war, whether the Chinese charges are true or not. But Japan is in a very bad place financially. Taxes are high, and she will have to raise money or give up her plan to be a big military nation. Other people will not lend her any money, but she remembers that after her last war with China she made that rich nation pay her millions, out of which she built up her army and navy for the war with Russia. She may have an eye to getting some more money out of China by another war.

**THREATENED CANNON:**—The killing of a priest by an anarchist a few weeks ago has caused a general movement against anarchists all over the country and the police are trying to drive them out. One man wrote a letter threatening Speaker Cannon and was arrested. There is a plan to get Congress to pass a law barring anarchists from the country.

**ACCUSE THE KAISER:**—England, which has to have some one to hate and some secret enemy to watch, and which has been using Germany for that purpose ever since her treaty with France some years ago, has found a new cause for suspicion. The Kaiser has written a letter to one of the Navy officials. The official says that the letter was private and that the navy was not mentioned, but the English papers are making an awful howl for its publication, and charge that the Kaiser is trying to "influence England's naval policy."

**NEW CONGO TREATY:**—There is some chance for the improvement of conditions in the Congo, where the Belgian King, Leopold has caused untold misery for years. He has submitted a treaty to the Belgian government under which that country will annex the Congo. He only stipulates that he shall have a big life revenue out of it, and that concessions to Thomas F. Ryan and other Americans shall be kept. These concessions are the main point in the treaty, as they relate to rubber gathering which has caused cruelties and it is suspected that Ryan and the king are in partnership.

**KILL 60,000 YEARLY:**—The government has compiled statistics to show what this country is paying in human life for its progress. America is the slaughter house of the world. During one year 57,613 Americans have been killed by accident. In twenty years the railroads have killed and injured over 1,000,000 people. The Civil War only cost 300,000 lives. Every year about 6,000 Americans are burned to death and 25,000 are killed in factories and mines. Among smaller things, Fourth of July costs about 500 lives and there are about the same number of drownings.

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## SESSION ENDING

Little Work Done by Legislature—County Unit Bill Strangled by Democrats—Other State Politics.

**SESSION NEAR END:**—The end of the legislative session is coming rapidly at Frankfort and the legislature will adjourn by limitation next Tuesday. There has never been a session when so little has been done but the members are working harder than they have before, and probably more will be done in the last ten days than in all the rest.

**UNIT BILL BEATEN:**—The most important action of the week has been the strangling of the County Unit Bill, which was finally done by the Democrats over the protests of the Republicans led by Senator Burnam. Under the rules of the senate, during the last ten days only bills approved by the rules committee can be considered at all. A clause was added to this rule providing that it should require a two thirds vote. Instead of the usual majority, to force the Rules Committee to report a bill. This clause is contrary to the state constitution and is very unfair but it went thru supported by practically all Democrats and three Republicans, Senators Bosworth, Cureton and Neel. By it, it will take two thirds of the Senate to bring the County Unit Bill to a vote, and it is impossible to get that number. There is practically no hope that the committee, which is controlled by Beckham, will report the bill. This leaves the responsibility with the Democrats, and will give them another heavy burden during the next campaign.

**OTHER BILLS STRANGLING:**—The same rule will act against the redistricting bills, and other much needed legislation. There are a number of other important bills which the Democrats are willing to have passed, and there has been a plan by the Republicans to prevent action on any of them unless the Democrats would permit votes on the Republican bills. But it seems to have been decided that it will be best to help along all good legislation and make the Democrats carry the weight of their own misdeeds in the campaign.

**AFTER LILLARD:**—Rep. Lillard, of Boyle, who voted for Bradley has been hearing from his constituents, and has not heard pleasant things. A mass meeting has been held in Danville in which he was called almost every thing the speakers could lay their tongues to, and he has been burned in effigy and other wise insulted.

**UNIONS AGAINST TEMPERANCE:**—The State Federation of Labor with less sense than is usually shown by labor unions, has declared against the County Unit Bill, on the ground that it will throw men out of work, and seems to forget that it will give a lot more men a chance to save money and live better.

**FIRST BLOOD FOR TAFT:**—The first test of the Taft and Fairbanks forces was fought in the First District which Ex-Sen. DeBoe thought he could throw to Fairbanks, and start a stampede that way. He seems to have lost out, for there were many more Taft delegates than Fairbanks men elected but there is a plan to do the Taft men out of their victory. Sen. DeBoe will preside at the convention, contests have been made in all the Taft counties, and it is expected that DeBoe will manage to seat the Fairbanks men. This shows that the Fairbanks movement is one of the machine and not of the people.

**DECIDED AGAINST POWERS:**—The Republican Committee of the 11th District, which met in Corbin last Saturday, decided in favor of primaries in the district early in June. This is contrary to the request of Caleb Powers, who wanted the primary put off till after his next trial. It is becoming more clear that the Governor intends to carry out his campaign promise not to pardon any of the men accused in the Goebel conspiracy. This will mean that Powers will have to make the race for the nomination from his cell if he makes it, as it is expected he will. Many of his friends are sorry to see him doing this, as they feel that it will cause hard feelings and prejudice his case, when he could have had the nomination without any trouble if he had only waited two years.

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## REPUBLICANS CLEARED

The fight on the County Unit Bill at Frankfort is not yet over, but the blame for its defeat has been shifted from the Republicans to the Democrats, and the grand old party stands clear of the charges which have looked so black against it for several weeks. On the test vote three Republicans deserted their party, it is true, but even with their votes the result would have been no different, and the Democrats voted almost as a unit for the rule which strangled the bill. Efforts may still be made to revive the bill, and the temper of the Republican leader in the Senate, A. R. Burnam, indicates that the fight will go on to the last, but by the vote of last Thursday the Democratic party has squarely taken a position against temperance and in favor of whiskey.

The Democrats killed more than the County Unit Bill by their rule. The fair Re-districting Bill, and the Dog Tax Bill, as well as other important measures which the Democrats are afraid would help the Republicans, are caught in the same trap. The Republicans fought hard and did their full duty, led by Senator Burnam, who declared that a vote for the rule was a vote against temperance, but it was useless.

This action clears the Republicans, as The Citizen has expected. Whether the long fight for Bradley was wise or not is open to question, but the serious charges of foul play and treachery are proven untrue. Gov. Willson will probably call an extra session, and thus doubly refute them, and the party will go into the next campaign stronger than ever, while the Democrats will have one more Beckham burden to carry.

## OPINIONS OF OTHERS

It Will be Up to Governor Willson.

The expected has happened. The County Unit bill has been slaughtered in the house of its friends. With the Republican party pledged to its adoption by its platform and candidates and the Democratic party committed to it by the speeches of Governor Beckham, Judge Hager and many of its members of the General Assembly, the State Senate has by a parliamentary trick sent the one temperance measure of the present session to the legislative graveyard.

If the County Unit bill had been permitted to come to a vote and had been beaten squarely we should at least have given the members who voted against it credit for coming out in the open against their party pledges, but to make it a pawn in the Senatorial struggle for sixty days and then to smother it in the closing days of session by parliamentary sleight-of-hand work is such a betrayal of the people as to merit universal censure.

The juggling of the rules by which the County Unit bill was put to sleep practically insures the same fate for all redistricting, election and registration measures and the several bills providing non-partisan boards of control for State Institutions, and Republican Senators joined the Democrats in adopting this knockout rule. Messrs. Cureton, of Louisville, Neel, of Adair county, and Bosworth, of Bell county.

The Court of Appeals of Kentucky, in language amounting almost to a mandate called for the passage of a redistricting bill to correct the present clearly unconstitutional apportionment of the State, but the first General Assembly of Governor Willson's administration, of which so much was expected, so equally divided in politics that it elects a Republican United States Senator absolutely ignores the court's utterances, and three Republicans unite with the Democrats in adopting a Democratic gag rule that ties the hands of the minority for the remainder of the session.

Governor Willson has preserved his consistency and demonstrated his good faith in standing by the Republican platform on the County Unit bill, which he has urged upon the General Assembly in his inaugural address, in his regular message at the beginning of the session, in his recent special message, and in personal intercourse whenever his views were asked. He could not take a seat in the lobby and personally button-hole members, but he has done all that was expected of him and he has stood by his pledges to the people.

If the General Assembly had not frittered its time away with the Senatorial deadlock, long adjournments and Mr. Kialr's parliamentary tangles, and actually considered and voted upon the numerous measures recommended by Governor Willson and demanded by the best public sentiment, even though they had been defeated, the situation would have been entirely different; but as the only

excuse for the gag rule adopted on Thursday is the approaching close of the session we believe the Governor is justified in preparing for the issuance for a call for an extra session immediately following the adjournment of the regular session ten days hence.

If the General Assembly permits itself to be muzzled by its committees on rules and its adroit parliamentarians, it will be up to Governor Willson to call it back to the performance of the duties it has ignored.—Lexington Leader.

## Comments on Fairbanks.

They say Finley and Taylor found a refuge in Indiana, and Fairbanks found a birth-place there. This was wise and commendable in Fairbanks, and we compliment him upon his foresight. They say he spent two days in campaigning, and made a generous contribution, for the Republicans in the recent state election. We gladly acknowledge the value of these services, and allow him all possible praise and credit therefor. It is a strange coincidence that he just happened to climb into the band wagon when he most needed a free ride. If Fairbanks' professed love for Kentucky Republicans is sincere, why has he been silent and penurious during all our struggles against Coebelism and Percy-Halyism, only to burst forth just at the time when it could best boost his presidential aspirations? We would not minimize our debt of gratitude to Indiana. But being born in Indiana, and exchanging political work with Kentuckians, do not entitle a man to the Presidency, nor give him the right to demand that the Republican party shall jeopardize its opportunity to elect a President. Even Fairbanks' friends and the wet-nurses of his infant boom admit that it would require a miracle to nominate him. And to all thinking people, as contradistinguished from those who merely feel, it is plain that should such an unfortunate catastrophe arise, a Democratic victory would inevitably result.—Williamsburg Times.

## HINTS TO SUCCESS

Success is at the top of the hill. The man who reaches it, climbs. A genius for work is the secret of success.

A druggist must be above all other things, "a good mixer." So must be a merchant to be a success.

Circumstances are the nails on which the weak hang their failure; On which the strong clinch their success.

I've always noted great success, Is united with trouble, more or less. To do successful work in every case, A man must keep the "best side," face to face. Be sure you are right and then go ahead, But in case of doubt, go ahead anyhow.

—Kant-be-beat.

## OHIO FOR TAFT

Big Man Wins Easily in Home State—Probable Platforms of Big Parties Forecast in Ohio and Nebraska.

**OHIO FOR TAFT:**—The Ohio State Convention which met last week adopted resolutions instructing all delegates to vote for Taft till he is nominated, and prepared a strong platform. The Convention showed how completely Foraker was beaten. And every man who has been for him was dropped from the state committee. Up to March 8, out of 148 delegates elected to the National Convention, 116 have Taft instructions, 6 are not instructed, 26 are instructed for Fairbanks (his own state) and 18 places are contested. A pretty good lead.

**PLATFORMS FORECAST:**—The Republican and Democratic platforms of next fall are pretty accurately forecast in those adopted by the Ohio Convention which nominated Taft, and the Nebraska Convention which nominated Bryan. It is noticeable that the two platforms agree in endorsing all that the President has stood for against the corporations and malefactors of great wealth, showing that both parties believe in him and the things he has advocated. But there are two significant differences which show about what the lines the campaign will probably be. Bryan's platform declares for a "tariff for revenue only" while Taft is for a special session to revise the tariff, to maintain protectionist principles but to meet present conditions. There are few leaders in any party now that are for free trade, which is practically what Bryan advocates; with that in the platform it would be impossible for the Democrats to carry any of the big manufacturing states, and there would be a distinct loss of enthusiasm in the South, the of course the vote would be as usual. The second point of difference is that Bryan is for immediate independence of the Philippines, while Taft favors holding the islands as a sacred trust, and teaching the natives self government. This would be another weakness of the Democrats. Another trouble is that there are signs that Bryan has not yet learned the difference between good money and bad, and proposes remedies for financial evils which experts agree are foolish. Altogether, Democratic politicians are feeling worse than usual these days.

**DAY IN TROUBLE:**—There is trouble ahead for Chancellor Day, who has been making such vicious attacks on the President. A fellow clergyman of his church has brought charges of violating the rule of the Methodist Church against criticism of magistrates and Mr. Day will soon be tried.

## MOUNTAIN CONGRESS

Because of the meeting in February and later the sickness in town it seemed wise to defer the Mountain Congress, which was set for Feb. 12 to a later date. That date has been decided upon as March 24, the last day of the winter term. That day will be given over to exercise and recreations of various kinds, one session of the Congress coming at 9.30 and a second at 7.30 in the evening.

The Congress has been organized, political parties are divided off and bills of general interest are being worked upon. The Republicans are the strongest party, but the surprising increase in the number of Prohibition representatives makes it look as if they would hold the balance of power. The Democrats are bent on securing a number of quite popular reforms and will if combined with the Prohibition men give the dominant party a hard fight to hold their power.

School legislation and appropriations and bills relating to improvement of roads will probably be supported by almost all members regardless of party, but certain other measures, probably among them a County Unit Bill will cause a hard fight.

Everyone, both in school and in town should be looking forward to this meeting as one of the best things of the year, for it will not be a gathering for fun, but an occasion when our best young men in their strongest manner will present the actual needs of our mountain country and people.

Recipe for making others pay their debts:—Pay yours.

## IN OUR OWN STATE

Abner on Trial—Talk of Big Coal Combine—Campbell's Daughter Dead.

**ABNER JURY DISAGREES:**—The jury which has been trying Abner for the murder of Cockrill has disagreed and been discharged.

**BIG COAL COMBINE:**—There is talk of a big coal company which would control almost all the soft coal mines in the country. Nothing definite has been decided yet but combinations have been so successful in other lines that many men believe it is only a matter of time till there is one in the coal mining business.

**THE DAUGHTER OF ALEXANDER CAMPBELL DEAD:**—Mrs. Virginia Thomson, daughter of Alexander Campbell, founder of the Disciple or Campbellite Church, died last Friday in Washington. She was for 13 years postmistress in Louisville, and at the time of her death was working in the Congressional library.

**LIBEL ON THE MOUNTAINS:**—One of the mysteries on modern times is why no one from the outside can ever tell the truth about the mountains. Another example of this comes in a page article on "The Feud" which has been published in the New York Herald, and which is the result of two whole days which some pert newspaper woman spent in Jackson. She says that every one treated her kindly, and yet she goes home and draws a picture of mountain life which is about as near the truth as a funny paper picture of Roosevelt is like him. One good thing about it is that New York is pretty well "onto" The Herald, and takes every thing it says with a lot of salt. The story is another example of what some poor girls will do for money. Perhaps we ought to pity her rather than censure her.

**HARGIS CASE PASSED:**—The trial of Beech Hargis for killing his father has been set for the June term of court.

**HEMP PRICES UP:**—The prices of hemp is higher than it has been for years, being now \$140 a ton, when it was \$55 two years ago. This will help in keeping Kentucky from raising a tobacco crop this year.

**MRS. SPARKS ARRESTED:**—Mrs. Rachel Sparks, widow of Jas. Sparks, who was killed by Robert Boyd, in London, has been arrested charged with giving a negro a match and coal oil to burn the barn of Tip Sparks, her husband's cousin, whom she accuses of siding with Boyd at the trial.

## SOCIAL AT DINSMORE'S

The social given to the Normal Department on last Saturday night, by Prof. Dinsmore, though more properly an entertainment, was a great success and contained a pleasing surprise.

After a short period of general social mixing, Prof. Dinsmore took the platform and entertained the young people for an hour with various selections, heroic, pathetic and comic, in his most pleasing manner and all who know his ability as a reader will appreciate what that means.

At the conclusion, the surprise was introduced. It seems that on the seventh day of March fifty years ago young John Wirt Dinsmore had made his appearance upon the world-stage. From the mind of the matured Professor, young yet at the half way point in the century, the muse had brought forth a poem of strength and beauty to commemorate the event.

This was not only read in a touching and impressive manner, but each person present received a copy of the poem tastefully bound and with the Professor's picture looking out from the title page.

One hundred and thirty students of the Normal Department were there and that means that their Dean has one hundred and thirty hearts bound to him closer, even, than ever before.

**Reggie—Did Ethylene tell you the truth when you asked her her age? Willie—Yes. Reggie—What did she say? Willie—She said it was none of my business.**

**Forget the past, attend to the present And let the future take care of itself.**

**Mother—Now Johnnie I don't want to ever catch you in that jam closet again.**

**Johnnie (sobbing)—Am I don't want you to, nuther.**